taken to get it rectified and by when it is likely to become operational; and

(d) whether ILS has been installed at any other Airport in the country; if so, what are the details in this regard and how these instruments have been functioning at each Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The present State-of-the-Art Instrument Landing System (ILS) was installed in December, 1994 at runway 27, in March, 1995 at runway 10. The ILS at runway 28 has been withdrawn for replacement with the latest State-of-the-Art equipment under the Delhi-Bombay Air Traffic Services modernisation project. The total cost of the three ILSs is about Rs. 16 98 crores.

(b) No flights were delayed or cancelled due to non-availablity of ILS facility during 1994 and so far in 1995.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The airports having ILS facility are Agartala, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jaipur, Jammu, Khajuraho, Lucknow, Madras, Nagpur, Patna Trichy, Trivandrum and Varanasi. The facility has been functioning satisfactorily at these airports as per laid down international norms.

Construction of new airstrips in Gujarat

4300. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct new airstrips in Gujarat State in the near future to attract more tourist there;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade the existing Airports in the State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Upgradation of airport is a continuing process and is taken up in phased manner depending upon projected requirement and availability of resources. Airports Authority of India has plans to upgrade the airports at Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Bhuj, Porbandar, Jamnagar, Rajkot and Vadodara in Gujarat.

वाराणसी तथा लखनऊ हवाई अड्डों से अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय उड़ानें

4301. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ विदेशी विमान कम्पनियों ने सरकार से वाराणसी तथा लखनऊ से अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय उड़ान भरने की अनुमति हेतु अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और अनुमति प्रदान करने में विलंब के क्या कारण है ;

(ग) क्या वाराणसी हवाई अड्डे को पूर्ण रूप से अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन का दर्जा प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(घ) इस मामले में निर्णय लेने के लिये सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) वाराणसी और लखनऊ हवाई अड्डों से अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के प्रचालन के लिये विदेशी एयरलाइनों के कोई अनुरोध लंबित नहीं है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।